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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2004, having a period for response ending on September 12, 2004, extended by the concurrently filed one-month extension of time.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include a replacement sheet for Figures 3 and 4.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

One replacement sheet for Figures 3, 4A and 4B, and a Rule 132 Declaration are attached following page 11 of this paper.